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JANUARY 28, 2019  
MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:           MAYOR, DAVID SAMPLEY  
                          TONY GILLIAM  
                          BECKY BYERS  
                          KENNETH GIPSON  
                          JESSICA BLALOCK**

**The regular monthly meeting of the Monteagle City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor David Sampley. Following the prayer and the pledge of allegiance a motion was made by Alderman Gilliam to approve the minutes of November 26, 2018 and Special Meeting of December 19, 2018. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. With the mayor not voting.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief McNeece reported that he has split his shift so that he is on day shift part of the time and night part of the time. This seems to be working well. The Mayor has a concern about the day officer being alone. They will discuss hiring a part-time officer to work a few days a week. Officer Barker explained the Annual Report for 2018.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Holmes gave his report. He has around 17 firefighters and only 3 are not certified.**

**UTILITY – Manager John Condra answered questions as best he could on the problems with Laurel Lake Drive. He stated he is not over**

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streets but he would do the best he could. Residents complained about potholes causing damage to vehicles and no shoulder on the road also places of resurfaced segments that rejoin unresurfaced segments with as much as two feet difference in the width of the road. They also complained about speeding. There was discussion on the culvert that has washed out and how to make needed repairs. Road repairs will be discussed at a later date. Alderman Gilliam stated he has been in touch with Mr. Charles Thomas about the sledge. Mr. Condra explained to the Council that the city had a valve that was leaking under the pavement at Clifftops office. Clifftops incurred the expense of \$4797.25 to repave after the city dug up the leak. Alderman Gilliam made a motion to reimburse Clifftops the \$4797.25. Alderman Blalock seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Mayor not voting.

**PLANNING COMMISSION – Mr. Earl Geary, building inspector, reported that the next meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup> and we will have a new planner. There are several projects coming up.**

**CODES ENFORCEMENT – Mr. John Knost gave a report on what he is doing. There is a lot of clean up already in progress.**

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**BUSINESS PERMITS**

**BRETT DELBALSO AGENCY – He will be located at 73 College Street. This is an insurance agency. Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve this business permit. Alderman Gilliam seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**BIG G’S BAR-B-Q – This business will be located at 420 Dixie Lee Ave. Mr. Garan Price owner. Alderman Gipson made a motion to approve this business permit. Alderman Blalock seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**PARKS & REC. – Alderman Blalock reported that she has started baseball sign-ups and she is working on the Easter Egg Hunt.**

**ALDERMAN**

**Alderman Gilliam reported that our Engineer is working on a site plan for the new Fire Hall. Alderman Gipson had a question on the water line from the tiny homes.**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**ELECTION OF A VICE MAYOR – The city charter states that the council will elect a vice mayor. In the past the council allowed the Alderman with the most votes to be vice mayor. Alderman Byers made a motion to elect Alderman Gilliam as Vice Mayor. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 3/1 with Alderman Blalock abstaining.**

**GCTV – There was discussion on having GCTV come back to record the meetings. Alderman Gipson made a motion to have GCTV come to the city meetings. Alderman Blalock seconded the motion and it passed 3/1 with Alderman Byers voting no and Mayor Sampley not voting.**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 01-19 BUDGET AMENDMENT – This ordinance moved 10,000.00 from Contractual services to Salaries for the Codes Enforcement Officer. Alderman Gilliam made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0 with the Mayor not voting.**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 02-19 WHICH CHANGES THE ALCHOL CONTENT OF BEER SALES— The current ordinance allows a 5% weigh. This will change to 8% weigh and 10.1 volume which is the**

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**same as Tennessee State Law. Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Alderman Gilliam seconded the motion and it passed 4/0 with the Mayor not voting.**

**OPEB – CPA Don Mills explained the postemployment benefits. The City has an option to opt out of this program, which is the recommendation from our CPA. Alderman Gilliam made a motion to opt out of this program. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0 with the Mayor not voting.**

**CRUISE-IN – Copy attached – Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve \$1050.00 for the Car show music which will come out of parks & rec budget. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0 with the Mayor not voting.**

**LAYNE AVE CHURCH CONTRACT – MS. Dorraine Parmley has agreed to demolish and remove the structure on Layne Ave. In the event she does not the city will demolish and remove the structure. Aldermen Blalock made the motion to approve Mayor Sampley sign the contract between Ms. Parmley and the Town of Monteagle. Alderman Byers seconded the motion and it passed 4/0 with the Mayor not voting.**

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**CITIZENS**

**Mr. Brent Alexander would like to offer Life Insurance to the employees of the town. We will set up a time for him to present his package.**

**The Library Board thanked the Town for all they do for the Library.**

**There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Mayor, David Sampley**

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**City Recorder, Debbie Taylor**